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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/047,298	Applicant(s) ROGERS ET AL.	
	Examiner Thjuan P. Knowlin	Art Unit 2642	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. Applicant's amendment filed on July 22, 2005 has been entered. No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-20 are still pending in this application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nelson et al (US 6,262,992).
4. In regards to claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 15, and 16, Nelson discloses a method of operating a telecommunication network (See Fig. 1 and call trigger system 104) the method comprising: a switching system (See Fig. 1 and interworking unit 114), routing a call to a service platform (See Fig. 4 and service platform 438) (See col. 12 lines 52-60); in the service platform, transferring a prompt message over the call, collecting caller-entered information (e.g. ANI) from the caller over the call in response to the prompt message, and transferring the caller-entered information to a Service Control Point (SCP) (See Fig. 3 and signaling processor 112) system (See col. 6 lines 50-67, col. 8 lines 32-37, and col. 12-13 lines 40-5): in the SCP (See Fig. 3 and signaling processor 112) system, transferring the caller-entered information to a first destination (See Fig. 3

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and communication device 108) processor (e.g. call processing platform (not shown) (See col. 7 lines 44-50, col. 20-21 lines 59-27, col. 23 lines 19-31, col. 23 lines 47-55, and col. 24 lines 6-22), processing a first destination routing code (e.g. prefix "0" or "1") from the first destination processor to determine a first destination routing instruction, and transferring the first destination routing instruction to the switching system (See col. 8-9 lines 50-6, col. 10 lines 20-33, col. 10-11 lines 48-9, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7); in the switching system, routing the call to a first destination in response to the first destination routing instructions (See col. 10 lines 48-63); in the SCP (See Fig. 3 and signaling processor 112) system transferring the caller-entered information to a second destination (See Fig. 3 and communication device 110) processor (e.g. call processing platform (not shown) (See col. 7 lines 44-50, col. 20-21 lines 59-27, col. 23 lines 19-31, col. 23 lines 47-55, and col. 24 lines 6-22), processing a second destination routing code (e.g. prefix "0" or "1") from the second destination processor to determine a second destination routing instruction, and transferring the second destination routing instruction to the switching system (See col. 8-9 lines 50-6, col. 10 lines 20-33, col. 10-11 lines 48-9, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7); and in the switching system, routing the call to a second destination in response to the second destination routing instruction (See col. 10 lines 48-63).

5. In regards to claims 2 and 12, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising receiving a request from the first destination to transfer the call to the second destination (See col. 13 lines 23-60).

6. In regards to claims 3 and 13, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the service platform does not re-collect the caller-entered information during the call (See col. 6 lines 63-67).

7. In regards to claims 4 and 14, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the first destination processor selects the first destination routing code based on the caller-entered information and the second destination processor selects the second destination routing code based on the caller-entered information (See col. 10 lines 48-60, col. 20-21 lines 66-15, and col. 22-23 lines 58-7).

8. In regards to claims 7 and 17, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising, in the service platform, terminating the second call after receiving the call transfer instruction (See col. 12 lines 40-65 and col. 13 lines 37-55).

9. In regards to claims 8 and 18, Nelson discloses the method, wherein the caller-entered information comprises a caller-identification number (e.g. ANI) or a caller account number (See col. 20-21 lines 66-15).

10. In regards to claims 9, 10, 19, and 20, Nelson discloses the method, further comprising, in the SCP (See Fig. 3 and signaling processor 112) system, transferring an Automatic Number Identification (e.g. ANI) to the first destination processor and the second destination processor wherein the first destination processor selects the first destination routing code based on the ANI and the second destination processor selects the second destination routing code based on the ANI (See col. 20-21 lines 59-27, col. 23 lines 19-31, col. 23 lines 47-55, and col. 24 lines 6-22).

***Response to Arguments***

11. Applicant's arguments filed 07/22/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants argue that Nelson does not disclose that signaling processor 112 transfers the caller-entered information to communication devices 108 or 110.

However, the claims recite that the caller-entered information is transferred to a "first destination processor" and a "second destination processor". Therefore, Nelson does disclose that signaling processor 112 transfers the caller-entered information (e.g. ANI) to a first destination processor (e.g. call processing platform [not shown]) and a second destination processor (e.g. call processing platform [not shown]) (See col. 7 lines 44-50, col. 20-21 lines 59-27, col. 23 lines 19-31, col. 23 lines 47-55, and col. 24 lines 6-22).

Applicants state that Nelson does not disclose that signaling processor 112 processes routing codes from communication devices 108 and 110 that received caller-entered information collected by service platform 438. However, the claims recite that the codes are routed from the processors, and not directly from the devices themselves.

Therefore, Nelson does disclose the codes (e.g. prefix "0" or "1") being routed from the first and second processors (See col. 8-9 lines 50-6, col. 10 lines 20-33, col. 10-11 lines 48-9, col. 20-21 lines 59-27, col. 23 lines 19-31, col. 23 lines 47-55, and col. 24 lines 6-22).

***Conclusion***

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

13. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

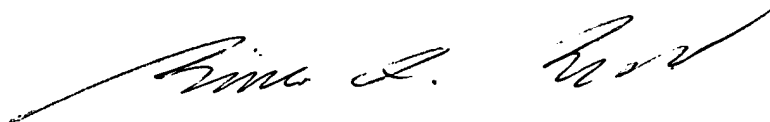
14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P. Knowlin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

15. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

16. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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